

TRIBUTE TO BRIAN D.  
GALLAGHER

HON. SIDNEY R. YATES

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 4, 1997*

Mr. YATES. Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to report to the House that my constituent, Mr. Brian D. Gallagher of Evanston, IL, was graduated from Loyola University (Chicago) Law School on January 11, 1997, with a degree of LL.M. in child law. Mr. Gallagher is the first recipient of this advanced degree in the country.

While attending Loyola Law School in the evenings, Mr. Gallagher served the people of Cook County and the State of Illinois as an assistant to the commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

Mr. Gallagher looks forward to using his new degree to continue his career of public service and I wish him every success in his future endeavors.

VOCATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CLUBS  
OF AMERICA WEEK

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the New York City Chapter of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America [VICA] which will celebrate Vocational Industrial Clubs of America Week in New York City, February 11–17, 1997. As a nationally recognized organization comprised of students, professional members, and dedicated teachers, the purpose of VICA is to provide educational and leadership opportunities for young people as they prepare for the 21st century.

Through the efforts of more than 12,000 student members in its New York City Chapters, VICA encourages improvement of vocational and leadership skills, scholarship, citizenship and community service. Moreover, through professional development activities, members learn how to work with others, hold office and direct the affairs of the group and how to compete honorably with colleagues on the local, state, and international levels.

During my tenure in the House of Representatives, I have also personally witnessed the hard work and dedication of members, such as Ms. Janice Jones and Mr. Jerome Jeffrey, who have graciously represented the East New York High School of Transit Technology Chapter of VICA at numerous community events within the 10th Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the many years of invaluable assistance this organization has provided youth and the community-at-large. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Vocational Industrial Clubs of America Week.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE  
FRANKIE M. FREEMAN

HON. WILLIAM (BILL) CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 4, 1997*

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my friend and mentor, the Honorable Frankie Muse Freeman. On November 24, 1996, attorney Freeman celebrate her 80th birthday. As a tribute to this noted legal champion and legendary figure, I declared November 24, 1996 as "Mrs. Frankie Muse Freeman Day" in the First Congressional District of Missouri. In further celebration of Mrs. Freeman's wonderful life, I commend her story to our colleagues.

Frankie Muse Freeman has been a practicing attorney for over 45 years and has held several trailblazing positions. These include Missouri attorney general, a commissioner of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission—to which she was nominated by President Lyndon B. Johnson—and inspector general of the Community Services Administration by President Jimmy Carter.

Over the years, Frankie Freeman has given exemplary leadership and dedicated services to numerous civic, cultural, and educational organizations and was one of the two United States representatives to the UN-ECA West African Housing Conference in Lome, Togo.

A graduate of Hampton University and Howard University School of Law, Mrs. Freeman is a member of the Mound City Bar Association, the National Bar Association, and the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.

Frankie Muse Freeman served as the fourteenth national president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a public service sorority with over 190,000 members in over 870 chapters internationally.

In 1992 she was elected trustee emeritus of the Howard University Board of Trustees following 16 years as a member of the board.

Mrs. Freeman has also been an active and devoted member of the Washington Tabernacle Baptist Church and serves as treasurer of the church's scholarship fund.

For 52 years, Mrs. Freeman was the devoted wife of Shelby Freeman who died in 1991. She is dedicated to her daughter, Shelby Patricia, son-in-law, Ellis Bullock, three grandsons, and three great grandsons. Her family is bonded together with strength and love.

Again, I congratulate Mrs. Frankie Muse Freeman. I commend her for a long and illustrious career as an outstanding jurist of great character, leadership, and compassion. I further applaud her lifelong exemplary stand on justice and civil rights issues.

TRIBUTE TO LT. COL. JON T.  
ANDRE

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 4, 1997*

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to pay tribute to Lt. Col. Jon T. Andre who, on January 31, 1997, retired from the U.S. Air Force after more than 24 years of

dedicated service. During his distinguished career, Colonel Andre has served his country, the U.S. Air Force, and the community of McGuire Air Force Base with distinction and honor.

Over the past 6½ years, Colonel Andre served at McGuire AFB in New Jersey. It has been during this period that I have gotten to personally know and appreciate Jon's professional integrity and always positive outlook. In 1993, Jon was assigned as McGuire's principal liaison officer during the emotional and often contentious base closure and realignment process. Jon excelled under an extremely delicate and difficult situation, deftly handling the demands placed on him by both Air Force Headquarters and the local community which sought to retain McGuire AFB. His earnest, forthright approach earned him praise by all who came in contact with Jon during this period.

A native of Ludlow, MA, Colonel Andre entered the Air Force following his graduation from Holy Cross College in 1972. Although initially trained as an air weapons controller, Jon sought early in his career to work with people and improve the personal and professional relationships within the Air Force. Throughout his career, Colonel Andre has been involved with human relations and equal opportunity programs, gaining ever more responsibility and recognition with each promotion.

By all accounts, Colonel Andre's involvement with personal development-personal relations programs was a perfect match. He repeatedly distinguished himself in this field, earning both individual as well as group honors. Specifically, Jon's accomplishments include having his office selected as the Tactical Air Command's Best Social Actions Programs for 2 consecutive years while assigned at Luke Air Force Base; selected as Instructor of the Year while serving as a weapons control instructor; and having his office recognized as the Best Major Command Social Actions Programs in the Air Force while assigned to Langley Air Force Base as the Chief of the Equal Opportunity and Treatment-Human Relations Education Branch.

Colonel Andre and his lovely wife, Patty, will begin a new career in Virginia where Jon will again use his communication and interpersonal skill as a human resources director for the historic Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. I know I speak for the entire McGuire community in wishing Jon and his family the very best as they leave the U.S. Air Force. I offer my personal thanks and the thanks of an appreciative nation as he begins a new chapter in his life.

HONORING SUPINDA  
BUNYAVANICH

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 4, 1997*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Supinda Bunyanich, of Port Washington, NY, for being selected as a member of USA Today's All-USA College Academic First Team.

Supinda, a senior at Harvard University, truly embodies the ideals of leadership, perseverance, and initiative. Last summer, Supinda